

HAMILTON POLICE DIVISION

Annual Report

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 CALLS FOR SERVICE

2025	69,751
2024	67,665

1.2 ARRESTS

	Adult:	Juvenile:
2025	1,375	48
2024	1,458	60

1.3 SUMMONSES

2025	7,291
2024	6,925

1.4 CREW ENFORCEMENT

2025	602 hours
2024	907 hours

1.5 TRAFFIC CRASH INVESTIGATIONS

2025	3414
2024	3267

1.6 HUMANE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER INVESTIGATIONS (HELO)

2025	5
2024	9

1.7 PROJECT MEDICINE DROP

2025	915.4 pounds
2024	937.4 pounds

1.8 NARCAN DEPLOYMENTS

2025	43
2024	41

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2. GRANTS SECURED IN 2025

2.1 General Grant Funding Awarded: \$42,646.20

Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)	\$22,967.00
State Bulletproof Vest Fund	\$12,179.20
AKC Reunite K-9 Grant Fund	\$7,500.00

2.2 Traffic Enforcement Grant Funding Awarded: \$45,617.55

Click it or Ticket	\$7,000.00
Distracted Driver	\$12,250.00
Drive Sober – Labor Day	\$7,000.00
Drive Sober – End of Year	\$7,000.00
Drunk Driver Enforcement Fund (DDEF)	\$12,367.55

2.3 Total Funding Awarded for 2025: \$88,263.75

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3. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

The following sections and units are assigned to the Administrative Services Bureau:

Administration Section

Firearms/Licensing Unit

Services Section

Community Policing Unit

Property/Evidence Unit

School Resource Unit

Records Unit

3.1 ADMINISTRATION SECTION

The Administration Section is responsible for maintaining the policies and procedures of the Division. Administration also includes Accreditation. The Accreditation Manager shall be primarily responsible for accreditation maintenance.

3.2 FIREARMS/LICENSING UNIT

	2025	2024
Firearms Applications Received	1,365	1,536
Firearms Applications Completed	1,274	1,440
Firearms Applications Denied	22	21
Permits to Carry Applications Received	260	262
Permits to Carry Applications Completed	211	199
Permits to Carry Applications Denied	0	1
Licensing/Backgrounds completed	76	67

3.3 SERVICES SECTION

The Services Section is responsible for acquisitions, equipment repairs and problem resolutions. The coordination effort for daily maintenance requirements involves timely telephone and in person vendor contact each day to maintain operational efficiency. It also prepares work orders for maintenance within the overall police building and acts as liaison between various Township Departments that encompasses the coordination effort of capital projects for the entire fiscal year.

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3.4 OPERATION REASSURANCE

Currently (17) seventeen members call daily to the Services Section to report for Operation Reassurance.

3.5 CELLBLOCK/DETENTION FACILITY

The Hamilton Police Division operates its detention facility in accordance with standards established by the New Jersey Department of Corrections. Individuals taken into custody are provided with clean housing, meals, medical attention, and all other services necessary to ensure proper care and compliance with regulatory requirements.

Personnel assigned to the Services Section are responsible for coordinating and maintaining compliance with the Annual Detention Facility Inspection conducted by the Department of Corrections, as well as all required documentation and ancillary inspections, including Fire Department inspections, fire alarm and fire suppression system inspections, and pest control services.

As of December 31, 2025, a total of 388 individuals were housed in the Division's detention facility. In accordance with municipal detention facility regulations, residential stays do not exceed 96 hours, excluding weekends and holidays.

3.6 POLICE VEHICLE EQUIPMENT

Coordinates and schedules maintenance for the Division's vehicle fleet, including:

Fifty-three (53) marked police vehicles

Forty-four (44) unmarked vehicles

Two (2) police motorcycles

Twelve (12) unmarked narcotics vehicles

One (1) civilian Township vehicle

Four (4) SMART Traffic Trailers

One (1) special services vehicle

Three (3) Township fleet vehicles

Two (2) marked police vehicles utilized by the police academy

Oversees equipment transfers, decals, and striping for newly placed marked police vehicles each year.

Ensures completion of annual New Jersey State motor vehicle inspections for all Division vehicles.

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Emergency equipment is requested, purchased, and maintained by the Services Section, to include documenting damage to police vehicles and maintaining fleet/equipment inventory status.

3.7 UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

The Services Section is responsible for issuing uniforms and essential equipment to all newly hired police officers and maintaining a limited inventory to replace damaged, worn, or defective issued items in accordance with contractual agreements. The Section reviews reports of damaged equipment and recommends repair or replacement as appropriate. Once approval is granted, personnel coordinate directly with the officer and the appropriate vendor to ensure proper repair, replacement, or disposition.

In addition, the Services Section maintains inventory control and accountability for all police equipment and supplies. This includes providing required uniform equipment such as duty leather gear, pepper spray, handcuffs, and other related police equipment to new officers. The Section also requisitions, inventories, and issues replacement equipment as needed, and orders specialized or non-stock items to meet operational requirements.

3.8 PARK SECURITY GUARDS

Thirty-one (31) Park Guards (School Traffic Guards) were assigned to the Services Section for the summer months. These guards work in various parks throughout the Township. They work primarily in two (2) shifts, 0900 - 1200 and 1200 - 1500 hours. Park Guards also assist with traffic and crowd control at Township events.

3.9 COMMUNITY POLICING UNIT

This Unit is comprised of two Detectives and the Services Lieutenant. In 2025 the Unit participated in approximately 30 community events. These events consisted of coffee with a cop, crime watch meetings, job fairs, cone with a cop, festivals, school visits, local business meetings and informational seminars.

The Community Policing Unit facilitates the Blue Envelope Program, an initiative designed to assist individuals with autism spectrum disorder during traffic stops by improving communication and reducing anxiety during law enforcement encounters. Additional community-focused initiatives include residential home security surveys and the distribution of emergency refrigerator cards for senior residents.

The Services Lieutenant and one Detective also serve as members of the Autism Law Enforcement Advisory Board, contributing to efforts aimed at enhancing the safety and effectiveness of law enforcement interactions with individuals on the autism spectrum.

The unit also took an active role in police officer recruitment efforts by hosting events to attract potential candidates and offer assistance with signing up for the NJ Civil Service test.

In 2026 we plan to build upon what we started in the special needs community and increase our recruitment efforts.

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3.10 PROPERTY/ EVIDENCE UNIT

Property/Evidence Inventory

Digital Property/Evidence

Project Medicine Drop

Nasal Narcan Coordinator

Abandoned/Recovered bicycles

Bio Hazard Equipment

Office supplies and printed forms

The Property Room is responsible for maintaining, storing, and logging all property and evidence recovered by Police Division personnel in accordance with New Jersey State and federal statutes. The unit also makes diligent efforts to locate owners of recovered lost or stolen property for the purpose of returning such property. In addition, all cases are researched to determine their status and ensure proper disposition, with property and evidence disposed of in accordance with applicable laws and procedures established by the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office and New Jersey Attorney General Guidelines. In certain cases, Property Room personnel are required to testify in court.

During 2025, the Property Room received and stored 819 cases totaling 3,007 individual items, compared to 965 cases and 2,975 items in 2024. Approximately 1,200 cases were purged during the year, including narcotics, weapons, and other assorted items. Personnel assigned to the unit also serve as administrators of the B.E.A.S.T. Evidence Management System. In this capacity, they are responsible for training all new personnel in the system's use and conducting annual in-service training sessions.

3.11 RECORDS UNIT

The primary function of the Records Unit is the processing and maintenance of all incidents reported to the Police Division. The Division utilizes a computerized records management system in which all incident information is entered, stored, and maintained.

The Records Unit is also responsible for processing requests for copies of police reports and other police-related information. Additionally, the Unit prepares criminal case histories (CCH) for the Municipal Prosecutor and processes requests submitted pursuant to the Open Public Records Act (OPRA). Requests made to the Township under OPRA are forwarded to the Police Division by the Hamilton Township Clerk's Office for fulfillment.

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Records Unit Statistics:	2025	2024
Police reports processed	18,491	19,406
Demand for Discovery	832	646
Insurance Requests	1402	1307
Record Checks	799	1087
Criminal Case History Requests	445	398
Expungements	757	1087
OPRA Requests	905	708
Total Monies generated	\$10,375.00	\$8,182.70

3.12 OFF DUTY ASSIGNMENTS

Effective May 1, 2023, this office began utilizing Jobs4Blue to manage and schedule off-duty assignments. Officers are notified of available assignments via text message, email, or the mobile application. Interested officers may request assignments, which are awarded through a points-based system designed to promote fairness by prioritizing officers with the fewest hours worked.

Jobs4Blue is responsible for issuing invoices and collecting payments related to off-duty assignments. The company then provides the Finance Department with detailed reports for payment processing. Sergeant Wilkins of the Records Unit oversees the off-duty assignment process and serves as the primary point of contact for officers, vendors, and Jobs4Blue regarding any questions or concerns.

	2025	2024
Total Hours Paid Non-Traffic	4,332.08	3,666.75
Total Hours Paid Construction	12,215.75	15,015.25
Total Generated Income	\$1,634,730.97	\$1,919,607.50
Total Fees Generated	\$275,365.97	\$348,197.50

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3.13 SCHOOL RESOURCE UNIT

The School Resource Unit is composed of seven School Resource Officers (SROs). During the school year, three officers are assigned to the Township’s three public high schools, and three officers are assigned to the three public middle schools. The middle school officers also serve as LEAD Officers in their respective schools, where they deliver the LEAD program to sixth-grade students.

In addition, the Division assigns one designated Officer Friendly who provides instruction through the Officer Friendly program to kindergarten and fourth-grade students, the Bicycle Safety program to second-grade students, and the LEAD program to students attending private and charter schools. These schools include St. Gregory the Great Academy, Saint Raphael School, Our Lady of Sorrows School, Faith Baptist School, PACE Charter School of Hamilton, Thrive Charter School, and Hamilton Township School District non-public partner programs. Officer Friendly and the LEAD Officers also coordinate and operate the Safety Town program during the summer months.

4. OPERATIONS BUREAU

The following sections and units are assigned to the Operations Bureau:

Criminal Investigations Section

Identification Unit
Major Crimes Unit
Special Victims Unit
Economic Crimes Unit

Cyber Crimes Unit

Field Operations Section

Traffic Unit
Anti-Crime Unit

4.1 CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS SECTION

4.2 MAJOR CRIMES UNIT

The Major Crimes Unit is responsible for conducting follow-up investigations into all major crimes reported within the township. Detectives utilize both basic and advanced investigative techniques, prepare comprehensive case files, conduct victim/witness interviews, provide courtroom testimony, interrogate suspects, and review and evaluate cases to ensure thorough investigative outcomes.

The unit is organized into two squads that handle major crimes and general assignments. Each squad includes specially trained fire investigators who respond to and investigate fire related incidents. In addition, the unit maintains specially trained Humane Law Enforcement Officers (HLEO) who are responsible for investigating animal cruelty complaints.

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Detectives are assigned investigations, as determined by a supervisor, based on solvability factors such as time, location, type of crime, witnesses, initial reports, and physical evidence. This assignment process ensures that investigations are prioritized effectively and handled by personnel with the appropriate expertise.

The Major Crimes Unit is staffed with 11 detectives, five in each squad and one assigned to the Mercer County Homicide Task Force.

Year	Cases Assigned	Cleared by Arrest	Cleared by Investigation	Cleared Exceptionally	Currently under Investigation	Confirmed Shooting Incidents
2025	1326	241	178	2	174	7
2024	1697	231	218	3	256	7

4.3 SPECIAL VICTIMS' UNIT

The Special Victims Unit (SVU) includes four detectives who report to the SVU sergeant. SVU is responsible for investigating criminal cases involving juveniles and all sex related offenses. Their investigative scope includes sex offenses, juvenile status offenses, cases where a juvenile is identified as a suspect, accusations of child abuse, missing or runaway juveniles, school related incidents, and situations requiring the placement of juveniles into the Middlesex County Youth Detention Center.

Recognizing the importance of maintaining a safe school environment, the unit also serves as a liaison to all public, private, and parochial schools within Hamilton Township. SVU detectives closely coordinate school related investigations with the school resource officers as well. Additionally, the unit sergeant serves on the Hamilton Township School District Safe Schools Committee, contributing to district wide safety planning and threat assessment efforts.

The Special Victims Unit personnel also attend monthly training and intelligence meetings hosted by the Mercer County Juvenile Officers Association and the New Jersey State Juvenile Officers Association. The meetings support ongoing professional development and facilitate the exchange of investigative intelligence and best practices.

Year	Cases Assigned	Cleared by Arrest	Cleared by Investigation	Cleared Exceptionally	Currently under Investigation
2025	847	53	196	9	6
2024	853	70	212	4	3

Year	Counseling Referrals	Child Abuse Sexual Assault	Juvenile ECDR Complaints	Stationhouse Adjustments	Adult Criminal Complaints
2025	719	47	40	32	11
2024	585	64	70	18	5

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4.4 IDENTIFICATION UNIT

The Identification Unit is staffed by two detectives and is responsible for preserving and photographing all crime scenes, locating and collecting various types of physical evidence, and enforcing Megan's Law, which includes registering and verifying sex offender addresses and unannounced residential visits.

The unit also compares fingerprints and palm prints to identify individuals incarcerated under fictitious names or for the comparison of latent prints recovered at crime scenes against possible suspects. The unit tracks AFIS hits from fingerprint submissions which are then cross-matched with cases assigned to detectives within the Criminal Investigations Section to determine investigative relevance and, when appropriate, support the issuance of criminal complaints.

4.5 ECONOMIC CRIMES UNIT

The Economic Crimes Unit is responsible for investigating fraud, embezzlement, identity theft, and bad check complaints. Many incidents are initially addressed through a phone consultation between the victim and a detective or supervisor, who ensures that the victim has notified their credit card companies, banks, and credit agencies to prevent further loss or misuse of personal information.

The unit is staffed by two detectives who handle all economic crime investigations. These detectives manage case intake, conduct follow-up interviews, coordinate with financial institutions, and prepare cases for prosecution. Their specialized training and focused caseload allow the unit to respond efficiently to the growing volume and complexity of financial related offenses.

Year	Cases Assigned	Cleared by Arrest	Cleared by Investigation	Cleared Exceptionally	Currently under Investigation
2025	381	35	83	3	30
2024	463	55	73	1	29

4.6 CYBER CRIMES UNIT

The Cyber Crimes Unit was established in April 2025 to address the growing volume of internet-based harassment and technology related offenses. The unit is currently staffed by Officer Tim Young, who has received specialized training in digital investigations and online threat assessment. In 2025, since the unit's establishment, Officer Young has been assigned 20 cases, including incidents involving online harassment, social media related offenses, and other technology related criminal activity.

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4.7 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS

The Criminal Investigations Section assigns a sergeant the responsibility of domestic violence coordination within the Police Division. Currently, the Domestic Violence Liaison is Detective Sergeant Mark Watson.

Year	DV Incidents	Arrests	DVVRT Responded	DVVRT Refused	TRO's Granted
2025	898	350	22	595	119
2024	946	361	38	581	139

4.8 BIAS INCIDENT OFFENSES

All law enforcement agencies are required to submit New Jersey Bias Incident Offense Reports to the New Jersey Attorney General's Office through the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) portal. When a bias incident report is submitted into the NIBRS portal, the information is automatically forwarded to the Bias Crimes Unit at the DCJ, the NJSP, the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, and the appropriate County Prosecutor's Office

2025	2024
19	42

4.9 DUTY TO WARN

The New Jersey Duty to Warn law requires mental health practitioners to notify the Chief Law Enforcement Officer, in the jurisdiction where the patient resides, if the patient communicated imminent threats of serious harm to themselves or others. Upon receiving a notification, the Police Division investigates and, when necessary, works with the courts to revoke any firearms permits and to seize any firearms owned by the patient or the patient may have access to.

2025	2024
1	9

4.10 EXTREME RISK PROTECTIVE ORDER (ERPO)

The New Jersey Extreme Risk Protective Order (ERPO) law establishes a process through which a family or household member, or a law enforcement officer, may apply for an order against an individual who poses a significant danger of causing bodily injury to themselves or others by possessing or purchasing a firearm. Issuance of the ERPO prohibits

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that individual from possessing or purchasing a firearm or ammunition, and from holding any firearms identification cards or permits.

2025	2024
6	9

4.11 HUMANE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (HLEO)

The New Jersey Humane Law Enforcement Officer (HLEO) detectives investigate all verified animal cruelty complaints within the township. HLEO detectives have received specialized training, provided by the Mercer County Prosecutor’s Office utilizing the Police Training Commission’s (PTC) animal cruelty investigative procedures. HLEO detectives are equipped with the knowledge and authority to identify and appropriately charge offenders who are responsible for animal cruelty incidents.

2025	2024
5	9

4.12 U AND T VISA ASSIGNMENTS

U Visas are nonimmigrant visas that provide legal status to victims of an enumerated list of “qualifying criminal activities” who have suffered substantial physical or mental abuse, and possess information concerning that crime, and who have been, are being, or are likely to be helpful to law enforcement or government officials. T Visas provide legal status to certain victims of human trafficking who assist law enforcement authorities in the investigation or prosecution of trafficking crimes.

2025	2024
7	1

4.13 FIELD OPERATIONS SECTION

The Field Operations Section is made up of the Traffic Unit and the Anti-Crime Unit. The Traffic Unit is supervised by one lieutenant and one sergeant. The Anti-Crime Unit is supervised by one lieutenant and two sergeants.

4.14 TRAFFIC UNIT

The Traffic Unit is staffed by ten officers and is responsible for traffic enforcement and the investigation of motor vehicle crashes, including all fatal crashes and those involving serious bodily injury. The unit maintains certifications, conducts maintenance for the Alcotest and additional DUI equipment, provides radar training, and manages the

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certification of radar equipment. The Traffic Unit also processes handicapped placards, 207 during this reporting period.

Statistics:	2025	2024
Traffic Unit Total summonses:	3050	3438
Traffic Unit All Other summonses:	1576	1927
Traffic Unit Speeding summonses:	289	464
Traffic Unit Parking summonses:	311	349
Traffic Unit Crash summonses:	874	698
Traffic Unit Stops without summonses:	162	134
Traffic Unit Township Ordinances:	138	75
Traffic Unit DUI Arrests:	6	6
Traffic Unit Criminal Arrests:	0	3
Traffic Unit Warrant Arrests:	3	3
Traffic Unit Crash Investigations:	1887	1910
Traffic Unit Fatal Crash Investigations	5	10
Traffic Unit Serious Crash Investigations	2	5
CREW Hours of enforcement:	602	907
CREW Speeding summonses:	247	347
CREW Other summonses:	28	112
Temporary Handicapped Placards	207	187

4.15 SCHOOL TRAFFIC GUARDS

School traffic guards are assigned under the Traffic Unit for the school year. There are a total of 47 permanent school traffic guards and 4 substitutes, covering 58 school traffic posts.

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4.16 ANTI-CRIME UNIT

The Anti-Crime Unit is staffed by 12 officers. The Anti-Crime Unit also has one of the Police Division's two K9 teams assigned to it, K9 Harv and his handler P/O Mayhew. The Anti-Crime Unit is a pro-active unit directing its resources at gang-related incidents, narcotics offenses, motor vehicle violations, and directed crime suppression assignments.

The Anti-Crime Unit has developed multiple criminal informants who have been successfully utilized to obtain search warrants and gather intelligence related to narcotics distribution and weapons-related offenses within the township.

During 2025, the Anti-Crime Unit assigned an officer as a task force officer with the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office (SIU) and the New Jersey State Police (CSCU). These assignments resulted in multiple joint investigations and provided valuable resources to the Hamilton Police Division.

Statistics:	2025	2024
Total Arrests:	162	177
Warrant Arrests:	21	15
Narcotics Arrests:	122	142
Probable Cause Arrests:	19	21
Traffic Summons:	126	115

5. PATROL BUREAU

The Patrol Bureau is the largest operational component of the Hamilton Police Division, consisting of approximately fifty percent of the Division's sworn personnel. Patrol officers are responsible for maintaining public order, enforcing local and state laws, and serving as the frontline of local government in safeguarding the community's fundamental right to safety and security. The Patrol Bureau is also responsible for overseeing Public Safety Telecommunicators, who provide critical communications support and serve as the first point of contact for emergency and non-emergency calls for service.

Through the use of directed patrol strategies, Patrol officers focus enforcement and proactive presence in areas identified as having specific community needs or concerns. These targeted efforts enhance crime prevention, improve response to quality-of-life issues, and contribute to an overall improved quality of life for residents throughout Hamilton Township.

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6. CHIEF'S OFFICE

In addition to the three bureaus, the Chief's Office is responsible for the following:

Office of Professional Responsibility:

Internal Affairs Unit

Training Unit

Budget and Planning

Technical Operations & Licensing Unit, K-9 Unit

Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Team (UAV)

Honor Guard

The Deputy Coordinator for the Office of Emergency Management is also assigned to the Chief's Office.

6.1 BUDGET AND PLANNING

Responsible for planning and maintaining the budget for the Division.

6.2 OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY – INTERNAL AFFAIRS UNIT

The Internal Affairs Unit is responsible for protecting the public trust and maintaining the integrity of the Division. The policy of the Internal Affairs Unit is to conduct thorough, fair and objective investigations.

6.3 TECHNICAL OPERATIONS AND LICENSING UNIT

In 2025, the Hamilton Police Division established the Technical Operations Unit. Operating out of the Office of the Chief of Police and under the command of the Office of Professional Responsibility, the Technical Operations Unit is responsible for overseeing and supervising the K-9 Unit, the UAV Unit, and PTC licensing. The Unit also serves as the point of contact and project manager for the technical projects and operational capabilities of the Hamilton Police Division. In this role, it ensures the Division's compliance with all applicable federal and state laws, rules, regulations, and directives related to K-9 training and scent detection materials on loan from the DEA, UAV operations, and the licensing of sworn personnel.

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6.4 K-9 UNIT

In 2025, the Hamilton Police Division K-9 Unit expanded with the addition of a second handler and K-9 team. This newly assigned team is cross-trained in both narcotics detection and tracking capabilities, significantly enhancing the Division's operational effectiveness.

Throughout 2025, the K-9 Unit assisted in the discovery and seizure of substantial quantities of narcotics, as well as the forfeiture of currency and vehicles used in the commission of these offenses. The use of K-9 scent detection allows the Hamilton Police Division to locate and intercept narcotics that would otherwise be undetectable by human senses, while also reducing the Division's exposure to legal liability related to search and seizure procedures.

The K-9 Unit continues to have a significant positive impact on criminal detection and apprehension within the Township. In addition to enforcement efforts, the K-9 team plays an important role in community engagement. Working alongside the Division's Community Policing Unit, the PAL Youth Academy, and through participation in public-facing events and social media outreach, the K-9 Unit has generated positive recognition for the Division and strengthened police-community relations throughout Hamilton Township.

6.5 TRAINING UNIT

Maintains the Police Range

Spring and Fall Firearms Qualification

In-Service Training

Preventative maintenance inspection of Division firearms

Additional Training Courses throughout the year

6.6 UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE TEAM

The Hamilton Police UAV Team plays a crucial role in enhancing situational awareness for law enforcement officers and command staff during active public safety incidents and emergencies. Comprising fully sworn officers, each with FAA Part 107 certifications, the team provides critical aerial support in various operations. As a member of the Mercer County Drone Strike Team, the Hamilton Police UAV Team also offers mutual aid to all communities within Mercer County.

In 2025, the UAV Team conducted over 160 flights culminating in over 68hrs of flight time in support of division public safety operations. Key activities included providing aerial overwatch for community events, assisting with high-risk arrest warrant executions, supporting search operations for fleeing suspects and missing persons, documenting fatal and serious motor vehicle accidents, conducting thermal imaging at active fire scenes, and surveying for FEMA/OEM assessments. The team also participated in technology demonstrations at Hamilton Schools, PAL Youth Academy and other community events showcasing the capabilities of UAVs in public safety as well as highlighting the modern operational capabilities of the Hamilton Police Division.

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6.7 HONOR GUARD

The Honor Guard Commander is assigned to the Chief's Office. The Hamilton Police Honor Guard consists of twenty-five officers and six supervisors. Throughout the year, the Honor Guard attended various events and parades within Hamilton Township. They also represented the Division at funerals for fallen officers throughout the Tri-State area and rendered honors at funerals for retired members of the Hamilton Police Division. In total, the Honor Guard attended 42 events during the year.

7. KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Expanded the Division K9 Unit to two dogs.
- Expanded the Drone Unit with additional personnel & drones.
- Successfully achieved re-accreditation for the fourth time.
- Successfully reduced the crime rate in Hamilton Township by 18%.
- Expanded the use of social media to inform and connect with the citizens of Hamilton, including the use of videos.
- Continued to expand the scope of the Community policing Unit with more events such as recruiting drives, Walk with a Cop, Shop with a Cop, and others.

8. POLICE DIVISION GOALS FOR 2026

- Continue to strive for the completion of the three (3) year Re-Accreditation process through the New Jersey State Chiefs of Police Law Enforcement Accreditation program.
- Continue to provide the Township with a budget that meets the Division's goals and needs while keeping police services at the highest level for residents of Hamilton Township.
- Continue to develop crime prevention strategies and enhance public awareness.
- Continue to utilize social media as a resource for Police – Community relations.
- Equip the Police Division with the latest law enforcement technologies.
- Continue to provide effective and efficient Patrol coverage to the community.
- Replace the outdated telephone system to Carousel VOIP.
- Continue to upgrade the Division's fleet.
- Transition from the current duty weapon to a new duty weapon.